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FSS Gift Cards

Make your shopping easier! Purchase or redeem your FSS Gift Card at the following locations: Arts and Crafts, Bowling Center, Café at Whispering Pines, Child Development Center, Columbus Club, Information Tickets and Travel, Outdoor Recreation or the Youth Center. For more information, stop by any of these lo-

Horse Boarding Available

The CAFB Riding Stables usually has stall space available. For pricing and more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505

Free Mango Languages

Learn a new language today! Free Mango Languages available at the Base Library; real-life conversations in over 70 languages. For more information, contact (662) 434-2934.

Lawn Mower and Bicycle Re- RV Storage Lot

Outdoor Recreation is now offering lawn mower repair and self-help bicycle repair. For more information, contact 434-2507.

Hobby and Craft Instructors 434-2505. Needed

Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? Arts & Crafts is looking for craft instructors. For more information, contact

Wood Shop is temporarily closed.

The Wood Shop is closed until the beginning of the New Year. Sorry for any inconvenience, please call 434-7836 for any questions.

Referees Needed

Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, contact

Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will have 24hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call

Instructors Needed

The Youth Center is seeking instructors for tumbling classes, dance classes, piano and guitar lessons. For more information, contact the Youth Center.

Space A Lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at

Ride in Style

Information Tickets and Travel offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. For more information, contact 434-7861

Commander's Action Line 434-1414

In an effort to stay Connected, the Commander's Action Line is your direct link to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command. The Commander's Action Line can be reached at 434-1414. Leave your name and phone number or email if you would

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like to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. If you would like to remain anonymous, please submit your inquiries through our base application in the 'Our Wing' then 'Contact the CC' tab or you can submit through the webpage at www.columbus.af.mil. Click "Contact Us" at the top left of the page and select "Commander's Action Line" in the Recip-



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COVID-19 General Info

The base is executing a measured approach to reopen ing in order to protect our people and our mission.

Permitted areas:

- Military personnel may travel two and a half hours outside of Columbus Air Force Base to obtain necessary goods and services and/or to engage in outdoor recreation.
- Salons, barber shops and other personal care/grooming establishments.
- State and local parks are allowed.
- Freedom park access from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. You must wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after playing at the park. 50 people maximum in line with Governor's outdoor guidance.
- The base pool is open under limitations.
- Overnight lodging facilities.
- The base pool, Arts and Crafts, and bowling center with limitations.

Off-limits:

37th (21-05)

41st (21-06)

- No dining-in at restaurants, bars, casinos or breweries or similar establishments. Take out and drive thru are still authorized
- Gyms, bowling centers, theaters, auditoriums and events off base are prohibited.

Gathering limitations:

- 20 people indoors and 50 people outdoors
- 6' physical distancing
- Personal hygiene is key
- Cloth face covering if physical distance can't be

Aug. 14

McElhinney delivers final speech to SUPT Class 20-18/19

Col. Tom McElhinney III, 14th Operations Group commander, spoke at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-18/19 Graduation on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Twenty-five student officers graduated from the SUPT class July 10 earning the right to be a part of the newest generation of military aviators.

"As I look around

the room to the men

and women who are

joining our ranks as

aviators I am amazed

at the diversity and

the talent we have,"

McElhinney said.

"You did a great job."

McElhinney began by asking the class to look back to where they started and to remember all the things they learned in the pursuit to become a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

"Thank you for your perseverance, your patience, and your willingness to fight to get this point today," said McElhinnev.

Once McElhinney

congratulated the students for getting this far in their careers, he turned to the parents and family members, who could not be at the graduation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, thanking them for watching the graduation via Facebook livestream and for their patience with the graduation restrictions during the

"It is tough allowing your kids to join the Air Force and even tougher in today's environment with a global pandemic," McElhinney said. "Maybe you as a parent served previously or maybe your child is the first to join the military, either way we want to thank you for getting your child to us today.

Continuing, McElhinney gave some feedback to the new

"As I look around the room to the men and women who are joining our ranks as aviators I am amazed at the diversity and the talent we have," McElhinney said. "You did a great job."

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb

U.S. Air Force Col. Tom McElhinney III, 14th Operations Group commander, speaks at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-18/19 graduation ceremony July 10, 2020, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. After graduating pilot training at Columbus AFB, pilots will now go to their specified base to start training on their assigned aircraft.

COLUMBUS AFB TIMELINE IFF

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Aug. 5

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Graduation Sept. 4

SUPT CLASS 20-20/21 GRADUATION

SUPT Class 20-20/21 graduates August 5 at the Kaye

News

COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease 2019

Stay engaged and connected

Data taken from Centers for **Disease Control and Prevention**

Pandemics can be stressful.

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Public health actions, such as social distancing, can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. However, these actions are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Coping with stress in a healthy way will make you, the people you care about, and your

Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can sometimes cause the following:

- Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones, your financial situation or job, or loss of support
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns. • Difficulty sleeping or concentrating.
- Worsening of chronic health problems.
- Worsening of mental health conditions.
- Increased use of tobacco, and/or alcohol and other sub-

Local Helping Agencies

Your First Sergeant Mental Health: 434-2239 Chapel: 434-2500 MFLC: 435-1110 Clinic: 434-CARE Behavioral Health: 434-3192 Help Stop the Virus: Info taken from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

COVID Tips brought to you by 14 MDG

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Cloth face coverings are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control This recommendation is based on what we know about the role respiratory droplets play in the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, paired with emerging evidence from clinical and laboratory studies that shows cloth face coverings reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet), so the use of cloth face coverings is particularly important in settings where

people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain. Local Helping Agencies:

· Your 1" Sergeant · Mental Health: 434-2239

Chapel: 434-2500

Behavioral Health: 434-3192

NOTE: Cloth face coverings help but they do not fully eliminate the risk or the potentially of transmitting the virus

Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must oordinate all information relating to speeches, presenations, academic papers, multimedia visual information naterials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website, with exception of Air Force publications, through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.



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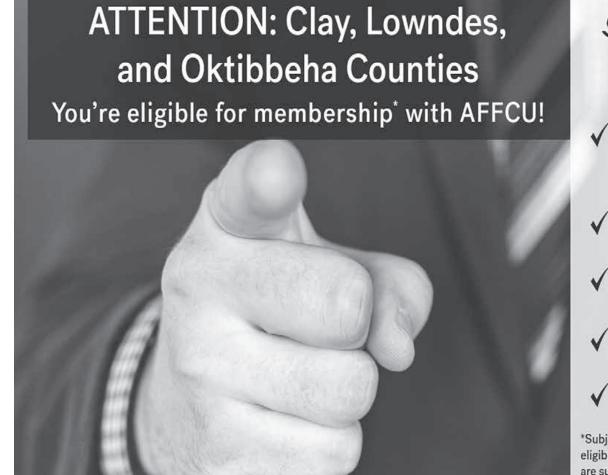
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COMMUNITY

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Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the A&FRC. We have volunteer opportunities located across the base for one-time events, special events or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Medical Clinic, Chapel, Airman's Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities Office and many other locations. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Installation Voting Assistance Office

A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Office (VAO) which is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and closed weekends/holidays. The VAO offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests and voting, change of address, and provides answers for other general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members and civilians with access to A&FRC. Assistance includes but is not limited to aid in preparing and submitting Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186 and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF). The VAO also leads and trains all installation unit voting assistance officers. For more information, please contact the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: vote.columbus@us.af.mil.

Discovery Resource Center

The Columbus A&FRC has computers with internet access available for job searches, assessments, resumes, cover letters, state and federal applications and companies' employment information. A printer and fax machine is available. A lending library of books, DVDs and periodicals on transition and EFMP topics are available for check out. These resources are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefing

These briefings are mandatory for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&-FRC at (662) 434-2794/2790 for more information.

Pre-Separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, and is to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or 24 months prior to retirement. Counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m., and it takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&-FRC at (662) 434-2790 for more information.

Employment Workshop

p.m. This program provides military families and DoD 434-2701/2790.

civilian members individual assessment and career counseling to assist with local employment, preparation for future endeavors via education, job search, or selfowned business objectives in the local area. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Survivor Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision. Always get the true facts about SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Mary Chambers at (662) 434-2720/2790.

Personal Financial Readiness

Need help with financial matters? Want to make the most of your money? The Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) can help you and your family: manage finances, resolve financial problems and reach long-term goals such as education, buying a home and planning for retirement. PFC services are at no cost, private and confidential. Please contact the PFC at (662) 998-0411/434-2790 or e-mail PFC.Columbus.USAF@zeiders.com, located in the A&FRC.

Key Spouse Program (KSP)

The mission of KSP is to provide information and resources to military spouses, supporting families in successfully navigating through the military life cycle. The KSP is a CC's program. The CC establishes and maintains the program within the unit, to include choosing team members. Once selected as a KS in writing, you will need to attend initial/refresher KS training and continuing education. For more information, please call (662) 434-3323.

Military and Family Life Counselor Program

Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (single and married), spouses and other family members cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reinte gration and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All counselors are licensed mental health providers, and they can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services, and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, please call (662) 435-1110.

Sponsorship Training

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) is the required training course to become a sponsor. It can be found in Military One Source's MilLife Learning training Course Catalog at this link https://millifelearning. militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=SIS:2:0: More online resources are available on Columbus AFB Living at https://www.columbusafbliving.com/airmen-familyreadiness-center/relocation-assistance/electronic-sponsor-An employment workshop on local and base em- resources/. For additional information, please conployment opportunities is held every Wednesday, 1 - 2 tact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) "I am going to do all that I must to stay sober to finally see the true plan."



"Before I was in recovery, I thought I could live my life on prescription drugs. Then, I decided that wasn't enough and added meth to it. I went crazy, but my lowest point was to see my parents, children, and sister's look of disappointment when they knew for sure what I had been doing. I came to the Pines and Cady Hills because I had nowhere else to go and I intended to only stay for 30 days. Well, God did for me what I couldn't do for myself. I worked with my counselor on many things that were holding me down. Then, I went to the Last House on the Block. Staying at the Last House helps me to stay sober, as well as going to meetings and working the steps with my sponsor. Prayer and meditation helps a lot with hard times and helps me to understand my part in all matters. All these things make me who I am and influence who I will become. I believe my Higher Power has many plans for me because he brought me to life when I was born dead. He has brought me through many times that should have killed me."



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MCELHINNEY

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McElhinney shared his experiences as a fighter pilot with the graduating class and addressed how he was proud to be a part of their training at Columbus AFB. Afterwards the class was awarded their certificates and wings signifying their accomplishments.

The final segment of the graduation ceremony ended with the graduating class breaking their wings into two pieces. The breaking of the wings is a tradition entailing pilots to break their first set of wings into two, never to be brought together again while the pilot is alive. One half is kept by the pilot while the other half is kept by the pilots loved one.

Some of the graduates were assigned to be First Assignment Instructor Pilots tasked with training future SUPT classes on Columbus AFB.

Now graduated, each pilot will depart to their new respective bases to fly aircraft such as the C-5 Galaxy, F-16 Fighting Falcon, HC-130J Combat King II, C-17 Globemaster III, U28A Pilatus PC-12, AC-130J Ghostrider, F-35 Lightening II, T-1 Jayhawk, KC-135 Stratotanker, T-6 Texan II, C-130J Super Hercules, E-3 Sentry, MC-130J Commando II, T-38 Talon and the B-1 Lancer.



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U.S. Air Force Col. Tom McElhinney III, 14th Operations Group commander, speaks at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-18/19 graduation ceremony July 10, 2020, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

Household hazardous waste drop-off success

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Despite the threat of severe weather and the on and off rain, Team Blaze made the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron/Recycling Center's household hazardous waste drop-off days a success.

A big "Thank YOU!" to everyone that went through their garages and brought wastes that they weren't sure how to handle. We collected over 3500 pounds of old paint, vehicle fluids, various cleaners, and fertilizers. The waste will go to a landfill designed to better handle those items.

As a reminder, Columbus Air Force Base members can drop off unwanted paint on the south side of Building 385 (14th CES) every Wednesday between 1-3 p.m. Used engine oil can be taken to Building 151 (Recycling Center) Monday-Friday between 6 a.m.-4 p.m. The Recycling Center will also accept used batteries and fluorescent bulbs.



Courtesy photo

Hazardous waste collected on Columbus Air Force base, Miss. The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron and Recycling Center stood outside and accepted dropped-off waste from members of Team Blaze for proper disposal.

14TH FLYING **TRAINING** WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 33 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.

Community Cultivate, Create, CONNECT

Welborn takes command of 14th MSG

Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson

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Col. Jeffery Welborn, 14th Mission Support Group commander, took command of the 14th MSG at a change of command ceremony on July 13, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

The 14th MSG is responsible for maintaining facilities and infrastructure for Columbus AFB's 6,013-acre pilot training base. They also provide contracting, law enforcement, supply, transportation, fire protection, communications, education, recreation and personnel management.

During a speech given at the ceremony, Welborn expressed his excitement about joining his new team.

"To the men and women of the 14th Mission Support Group, it is my honor to be joining your team and I am excited to work with you in support of this incredible mission," Welborn said. "Again, thank you for the great welcome. I am proud to be here serving this team."

RIGHT: Col. Seth Graham (right), 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Ret. Col. Gary Hayward (center), former 14th Mission Support Group commander, and Col. Jeffrey Welborn (left), 14th MSG commander, stand at attention before the 14th MSG change of command ceremony on July 13, 2020, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Hayward served as commander of the 14th MSG from August 2018 to July 2020.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldsor



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson

Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, returns a salute from Ret. Col. Gary Hayward, former 14th Mission Support Group commander, at the 14th MSG change of command ceremony on July 13, 2020, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Prior to relinquishing command, Hayward received the Legion of Merit medal for his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson

Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, hands Col. Jeffery Welborn, 14th Mission Support Group commander, the 14th MSG guidon at the 14th MSG change of command ceremony on July 13, 2020, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th MSG maintains facilities and infrastructure for a 6,013-acre pilot training base and provides contracting, law enforcement, supply, transportation, fire protection, communications, education, recreation and personnel management.

Air Force **Readiness Programs**

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)

"Please note events are subject to change due to COVID-19, so please contact A&FRC to confirm all events'

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held on Aug. 11 from 8-9:15 a.m. in the Kave Auditorium. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel. The event's foundation is the base's mobile App, so if you are registered, please locate and download the Columbus Air Force Base App from the App Store prior to attending. To register, please contact your unit CSS, or for more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) will be providing assistance from noon-5 p.m. Aug. 12; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 13; and 8 a.m.noon Aug. 14 at the A&FRC. The Recovery Coordination Program (RCP) streamlines and improves the way care and support is delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a RCC who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury, (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time, (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. Aug. 13 in the A&FRC. This workshop is highly recommended for first-time and over-seas relocating members. Get the very latest moving information straight from basewide relocation assistance agencies. Learn what to expect before you move with information from Tri-Care, Housing, Military Pay, TMO, Medical Records and A&FRC. Be sure to bring and ask any relocating questions you may have during this event.

Bundles for Babies

The next Bundles for Babies workshop is

U.S. Space Force releases logo, motto "ALWAYS ABOVE" **SEMPER SUPRA** The Symbol First used in 1961, the Delta symbol honors the heritage of the USAF and Space Command nd threats emanating from the space do UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

U.S. Space Force graphic by Staff Sat. James Richardson

The U.S Space Force released its logo and motto, Semper Supra (Always Above) July 22, 2020 at the Pentagon, D.C. The logo and motto honor the heritage and history of the U.S. Space Force

from 1-3:30 p.m. Aug. 27 on ZOOM. This Preseparation counseling is required before by the Air Force Aid Society will be provid- 434-2631/2790. ed for each qualifying child. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at **Federal USA Jobs Workshop** (662) 434-2790.

Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart is from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 27. This monthly social event is for family members whose sponsor is deployed, on a remote tour or TDY for more than 30 days. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Pro-Transition, Military Occupational Code the deal. Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, cational Track Workshop Disabled TAP and Department of Labor.

program is designed for active duty AF memattending, and recommended attendance is bers and/or their spouses who are pregnant or 12-24 months prior to separation/retirement. have a child 4 months old or less. Attendees Spouses are encouraged to attend with their will learn about finances, labor and delivery, sponsor. To register or for more informaand infant care. A \$50 gift card sponsored tion, please call the TAP Manager at (662)

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop i from 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 16. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search using the USAJobs website. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Department of Labor Employment **Transition Track**

The next DoL Employment Transition Track is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 17-18. This workshop assists transitioning military members with career exploring, job search, gram (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 resume writing, federal job applications, inp.m. Sept. 14-16 and includes seminars on: terviewing, evaluating job offers and closing

Department of Labor Transition Vo-

The next DoL Transition Vocational

Track Workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 21-22 and will be held online. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and credentialing programs, and develop an action plan to achieve career goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be held on Oct. 1-2 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link / Spouse Welcome is from 8:30-11:15 a.m. Oct. 22 in the A&FRC This half-day program is open to all spouses of active duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area and at Columbus AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

EFMP-FS

Exceptional Family Members Program-Family Support, EFMP-FS, establishes implements and maintains the FS (community support) entity of the Air Force EFMF in coordination with the Medical & Assignments components by enhancing the quality of life of special needs family members. Feel free to contact 662-434-3323/2790 for any questions related to EFMP or for one-onone assistance. We can assess your needs and make the proper community referral for you and your family!

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Chapel Schedule

Chapel services are now available.

Catholic Services: 5 p.m. on Sun

Protestant Services: 10:45 a.m. on Sun

Daily Mass: 10 a.m. on Tues and Wed

As we gather for services there is a 50 person imit inside the chapel. Thank you all for your help during this time and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

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Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, Instagram at columbus_afb_living, or visit our website at www.columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

Get Connected with Your Base App!

As a way to connect people together, Columbus Air Force Base launched a new app to connect Airmen and families to the mission and community! The app is available on all app stores and can be found by searching 'Columbus Air Force

FSS Base Events

All of the FSS Events have been cancelled until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience. This is a preventative measure to help minimize the COVID-19 spread. For continuous updates, please follow our Facebook, Columbus

Live Games on Columbus Air Force Base Living Facebook

Tune in on the Columbus Air Force Base Living's Facebook for a live game every 2nd and 4th Thursday at Noon. Live games such as Pictionary, Trivia, and Charades. Show off your quick thinking from the comfort of your own home and win a prize!

Bowling Snack Bar

The Bowling Snack Bar is open and available for carry out The hours have changed temporarily to: Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat & Sun: Closed. Breakfast is offered until 10:30 a.m. Menus are located online at columbusafbliving. com/strike-zone-grill/ or located on the base app under Services > Dining > On-base menus > Strike Zone Grill. Please call and order ahead at (662) 434- 3426.

Bowling Center

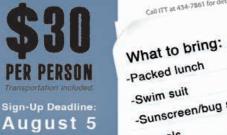
The Bowling Center lanes are back open starting 7 July Hours are Tuesday-Friday: 3-9 p.m., Saturday: Noon-6 p.m. Sign-up via the Bowling Center's Facebook page. Limited to 4 persons per lane. Maximum of 20 people in the facility. Only beverages and packaged snacks will be available during bowling hours. For more information, call (662)434-3426.

Library Curbside Delivery

The library is offering curbside delivery. Find your book at www.columbusafb.milasolutions.com. Email your order to the library at 14.fss.fsd.library@us.af.mil. A confirmation email will be sent when your order is ready! Orders received before 11 a.m. will be ready during 1-4 p.m. that same day. Before picking up, please make sure you get a confirmation email stating your book is ready for pickup. When you park in the back parking lot, please give the library a call at 662-434-2934 so the library knows you are there. When returning books, you can drop them off anytime at the book drop off and audiobooks, please call us at 662-434-2934 on Mon-

SHARK TOOTH CREEK August 8, 2020 0800 - 1600

Come hunt for shark teeth at Shark Tooth Creek in AL! Everyone is guaranteed to find fossils to take home.



-Sunscreen/bug spray -Change of clothes

day-Friday from 1-4 p.m. for an employee to meet you at the back parking lot to pick it up from your car. Please note, all rentals are first come, first serve.

Arts and Crafts

Arts and crafts has some fun events planned in the upcoming months, here is a brief overview! August 15: Back to school photo booth and framing. For more information, call arts and crafts at (662) 434-7856. Please note, all events can be cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is open, currently serving Active Duty only during this initial phase. Space is limited! Patrons must sign up via SignUpGenius to secure a spot/ access. The link is: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 904054CAAAB2AABFF2-july . Hours of operation are Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday: Closed. There will be no 24/7 access. Please note some important things: 100% ID Card Check. Bathrooms only available. No showers or lockers for use. Bring gym necessities only. No rental equipment. For more information, call the Fitness Center at (662)434-2772.

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation's (ODR) hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday, 9-10 a.m. ODR offers all sorts of rental for the water, camping, and much more! A fun upcoming event from ODR is High Point Rock Climbing on August 22. For more information, call ODR at 662-434-2507. located in the back parking lot of the library. To return DVDs Please note, all events can be cancelled or rescheduled due to

Independence Pool

The Independence Pool is back open from Thursday-Monday every week. Lap swim is from 6-9 a.m. Open swim is available during these blocks of time: 10 a.m.-Noon, 1-3 p.m., 4-6 p.m., and 7-8 p.m. Please note, after every swim block the pool will be closed completely to be sanitized prior to the next swim block. The maximum amount of people allowed in the pool is 50. In front of the pool there is a sign out front with green on one side and red on the other. Green signifies the pool can accept more people and red signifies they are at capacity. Daily "per visit" passes can be purchased at the pool, however, summer passes need to be purchased at Outdoor Recreation during their business hours. For more information, please call the Independence Pool at (662)434-2491 or Outdoor Recreation at (662)434-2507. Please note, any hours can be changed without notice due to COVID-19.

Coffee House on 5th

Coffee House on 5th, located in the Blaze Commons, is back open to 50% capacity inside. Drive through or come in to enjoy a cup of coffee or a tasty treat. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-Noon. Call for more information at (662) 434-2233.

Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)

Information, Tickets & Travel is back open! Hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Come by and check out their new location right by the Coffee House on 5th. For more information, call (662)434-7861.

Shark Tooth Creek

Spend a day at Shark Tooth Creek hunting for shark teeth and fossils. On August 8, ITT is providing transportation out to a popular attraction that's fun for the entire family. The cost is \$30 per person. Call ITT for more information at (662) 434-7861. Please note, all events can be cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19.

Assignment Night Transportation

Book Assignment Night transportation with ITT! Reserve the bus, the van or both! The cost is only \$30 per hour for Columbus and local areas; a \$30 deposit is required and applied to the total cost of reservation. Reservation must be a minimum of four hours and reserved in person. For more information, contact 434-7861.

Exclusive Military Vacation Packages

Did you know that you can book exclusive military vacation packages at ITT? Packages include Universal Studios and Disney destinations. To book your vacation at www. americaforcestravel.com or visit your ITT office at (662)

Storytime Schedule

The Base Library is offering virtual story time on Facebook. For more information, contact (662) 434-2934 or send them a direct message on their Facebook page, Columbus Air

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Lt. Col. Tracy Markle, 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron commander, speaks July 16, 2020, at a change of command on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Markle relived the position of commander from Lt. Col. Tracy Snyder who guided the 14th OMRS through many achievements over her time as commander.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jake Jacobser

Lt. Col. Tracy Markle (right), 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Tracy Snyder (left), former 14th OMRS commander, sit July 16, 2020, at a change of command on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th OMRS provides and coordinates comprehensive health care for a community of active duty, dependents, retirees and family member Department of Defense beneficiaries.

4th OMRS ushers in new commander

Senior Airman Jake Jacobsen

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Tracy Markle assumed command of the 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron during a change of command ceremony July 16, 2020, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Markle relived the position from Lt. Col. Tracy Snyder, former commander, who guided the 14th OMRS through many achievements over her time as commander.

"Thank you for the amazing opportunity to join the 14th OMRS," said Markle. "To the men and women of the squadron, I am in awe of all the accomplishments that I have heard and thank you for the privilege of being able to join your team and I look forward to serving with you over the next two years."

The 14th OMRS provides and coordinates comprehensive health care for a community of active duty, dependents, retirees and family member Department of Defense beneficiaries. The squadron also has the responsibility for preventive, integrated health care through mental health, public health, physical therapy, optometry and health and wellness activities for Columbus Air Force Base.



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Commander delves into Columbus's mission through immersion tour



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb



Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, tours the 50th Flying Training Squadron, July 20, 2020, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Graham toured through the 14th Operations Group as a part of his immersion on base, where he met Airmen and members of each squadron.



Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flyina Trainina Wina commander, tours the Radar Approach Control section, July 20, 2020, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. As a part of his wel-



Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, tours the air traffic contro tower, July 20, 2020, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The tower Control, and Radar come to Columbus AFB, Graham got a deeper look into the mission of the 14th FTW Approach Control sections work closely with base aircraft and coordinate with other base agencies to keep the airfield at a high level of readiness.

Air Force hits key milestones with commercial IT

K. Houston Waters

66th Air Base Group Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — The Enterprise IT-as-a-Service Integrated Program Office, headquartered at Hanscom Air Force Base, has reached several major milestones in its effort to migrate users to commercial IT providers.

First, the office connected 100% of users at two Air Force installations to commercially available networks provided by AT&T. The first migration, which took place at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, successfully concluded June 8. Another migration concluded shortly after at Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado, June 15.

Following these migrations, the program office received approval June 22 to migrate 10% of network users at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, to the new commercial network, also provided by AT&T. The migration is scheduled to begin in early August.

The team expects the transition to commercially available networks will reduce routing and redundancy errors while increasing scalable connectivity options, thus improving overall user experience. The office is collaborating with AT&T to monitor performance, mitigate issues, and measure the impact of scaling the network.

"The milestones at Buckley (AFB) and Offutt (AFB) were critical steps that helped set the foundation of IT transformation across the Department of the Air Force," said Maj. Gen. Michael Schmidt, program executive officer for Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence and Networks. "We will work toward the best path forward on rapidly deploying commercial solutions by partnering with all of our vendors and delivering commercial IT services that enhance mission accomplishment. We must deliver a stateof-the-art IT infrastructure if we're going to stay ahead of our

In addition to the migrations at Offutt AFB, Buckley AFB, and JB Elmendorf-Richardson, the program office completed migration of 10% of network users at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama to a commercial Wide Area Network provided by Microsoft July 8. The team received approval to begin a similar migration at Gunter Annex, Ala., June 24.

"Migration to a commercially-provided network is a paradigm shift and a key component in testing the ability of



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Alison Stewart

Airman 1st Class Wesley Carrow, 52nd Communications Squadron client systems technician, performs routine maintenance on computer systems connected to the Air Force network, April 6, 2020. In June, the Enterprise IT-as-a-Service Integrated Program Office, headquartered at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., began migrating users at a number of military installations to commercially available networks provided by both AT&T and Microsoft.

the Air and Space Forces to fully embrace, adopt, and conponent of EITaaS, one of the program's three lines of effort. sume services from a commercial partner," said Col. Robert Other lines of effort include End User Services and Compute King, senior materiel leader, Enterprise IT and Cyberspace and Store. Infrastructure Division, C3I&N. "We want to make sure our users from the Air and Space Forces have access to the most able joint, all-domain operations through modern, stable secure and reliable network possible."

The migration was part of the Network-as-a-Service comfor future joint warfighting.

The goal of the EITaaS transformation program is to enand secure digital infrastructure serving as the foundation



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**** Medical Corner**

Happy 4th of July!

Secondhand Smoke: Dangers

Secondhand smoke is the combination of smoke from a burning garette and smoke exhaled by a smoker. There are two types of secondhand smoke; side stream smoke comes directly from the burning obacco product, and mainstream smoke is the smoke that the smoker nhales. The smoke that burns off the end of a cigarette or cigar actually contains more harmful substances than the smoke inhaled by the smoker, as there is no filter it must pass through.

How does secondhand smoke affect non-smokers?

If you are a non-smoker but are exposed to secondhand smoke on a regular basis, your body will still absorb nicotine and other harmful substances. Smoke contains more than 4000 chemical compounds, of which 250 are toxic and more than 50 are known cancer-causing agents. These dangerous substances linger in the air for approximately 4 hours and breathing in these particles for only minutes can harm

Exposure time to secondhand smoke and effects:

- 5 minutes stiffens the aorta as much as smoking a cigarette
- 20-30 minutes causes excess blood clotting, as well as increases he buildup of fat deposits in blood vessels, increasing the risk of heart attack and stroke.
- 2 hours increases the chance of irregular heart beat (arrhythnia) and can trigger a fatal cardiac event or heart attack.

In addition, the longer you are around secondhand smoke, the greater the level of harmful substances in your body. As a result, you night have an increased risk of developing smoking-related disorders,

- Lung cancer and lung disease, including COPD, emphysema asthma, and chronic bronchitis. Nonsmokers who live with a smoker have a 20% to 30% increased risk for developing lung cancer.
- Heart disease
- Eye and nasal irritation; increased risk of sinus and respiratory



The YouCanQuit2 campaign overview video provides Service members with an introductio to the campaign and its resources.

https://www.ycq2.org/health-professionals/ campaign-overview-video

Secondhand Smoke: Dangers. Retrieved from https://my.clevelandclinic org/health/articles/10644-secondhand-smoke-dangers

Avoid disposable e-cias

New policies in place ban current sales of certain flavors of some types of e-cigs. This ban does not include disposable products and as a result, Service members may turn to these for a fruity or minty nicotine fix.

Use this information when communicating with Service members to make sure they understand the dangers of disposable e-cigs and steer clear of them.

- Disposable e-cig devices are precharged and pre-filled with e-liquid. Once the liquid that produces the vapor runs out, it can't be used again. Some disposable brands include Puff Bar and MOJO.
- Disposable devices can be just as harmful as other tobacco products Just because they're disposable doesn't mean they are any less harmful. In fact, one disposable device has as much or more nicotine as one pack of cigarettes
- Disposable e-cigs contain a type of nicotine that may lead to increased product use. Some e-cigs, including disposable devices, contain nicotine salts which allow high levels of nicotine to be inhaled more easily and with less irritation. This might make Service members see vaping as more pleasant and thus increase their use.
- Disposable e-cigs are not an effective way to quit smoking. Some Service members may believe that traditional and disposable e-cigs are a better option than cigarettes. Remind them that they are not healthier and are not a proven cessation technique.

For more information, visit: https:// www.ycq2.org/tobacco-e-cigarettes/

A personal message from your health promotion Health Myth **Busting Team**

Dear Health Myth Busters,

I have been staying at home with my family because of the oronavirus. Going outside to smoke is easier now that warm weather is here. The problem is that my family still complains about the smell of smoke on my clothes and house hold items What causes this if I'm not smoking in the house?

Trying to Keep Them Safe

Dear Trying to Keep Them Safe,

You are describing the effects of secondhand smoke. This happens if you smoke close to an open doorway. window or air vent even though you are outdoors. Research has shown that particles from secondhand tobacco smoke can settle in dust and on surfaces and remain there long after the smoke is gone. Secondhand smoke is a mixture of the smoke you exhale and the smoke from the lighted end of a cigarette, pipe, or cigar, or tobacco burning in a hookah. It is especially dangerous and toxic to children.

If you must smoke choose a location that is far away from doors and window. Now may also be a great time for you to quit. If you are considering quitting tobacco contact your health care provider for options to help you kick the habit.

> Sincerely, Health Promotion Team

Got questions on other health issues related to sleep health, physical activity, tobacco, or nutrition? Share them with us and we will help you "Bust The Myths!" Send your questions to usaf.jbsa.afmsa.mbx.hpo@mail.mil. Make sure to include in the subject line "Health Myth Buster." For more online health tips visit the Air Force Health Promotion webpage https://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/Resources/ Health-Promotion/

BLAZE Hangar Tails: B-52 Stratofortress

Mission

The B-52 is a long-range, heavy bomber that can perform a variety of missions. The bomber is capable of flying at high subsonic speeds at altitudes up to 50,000 feet (15,166.6 meters). It can carry nuclear or precision guided conventional ordnance with worldwide precision navigation capability.

Features

In a conventional conflict, the B-52 can perform strategic attack, close-air support, air interdiction, offensive counter-air and maritime operations. During Desert Storm, B-52s delivered 40 percent of all the weapons dropped by coalition forces. It is highly effective when used for ocean surveillance, and can assist the U.S. Navy in anti-ship and mine-laying operations. Two B-52s, in two hours, can monitor 140,000 square miles (364,000 square kilometers) of ocean surface.

All B-52s can be equipped with two electro-optical viewing sensors, a forward-looking infrared and advanced targeting pods to augment targeting, battle assessment and flight safety, thus further improving its combat ability.

Pilots wear night vision goggles to enhance their vision during night operations. Night vision goggles provide greater safety during night operations by increasing the pilot's ability to visually clear terrain, to increase the peacetime and combat situational awareness of the aircrew and visually acquire other aircraft.

B-52s are currently upgrading from the Litening Advanced Targeting Pod to the Sniper Advanced Targeting Pod. Sniper pods provide improved long-range target detection/identification and continuous stabilized surveillance for all missions, including close air support of ground forces. The pod's advanced targeting and image processing technology significantly increases the combat effectiveness as part of Operation Desert Strike. At that time, this was of the B-52 during day, night and under-the-weather conditions in the attack of ground targets with a variety of standoff weapons (i.e., laser-guided bombs, conventional bombs

and GPS-guided weapons).

The use of aerial refueling gives the B-52 a range limited only by crew endurance. It has an unrefueled combat range in excess of 8,800 miles (14,080 kilometers).

Background

For more than 40 years, B-52 Stratofortresses have been the backbone of the manned strategic bomber force for the United States. The B-52 is capable of dropping or launching the widest array of weapons in the U.S. inventory. This includes gravity bombs, cluster bombs, precision guided missiles and joint direct attack munitions. Updated with modern technology, the B-52 will be capable of delivering the full complement of joint developed weapons and will continue into the 21st century as an important element of our nation's defenses. Current engineering analyses show the B-52's life span to extend beyond the year 2040.

The B-52A first flew in 1954, and the B model entered service in 1955. A total of 744 B-52s were built with the last, a B-52H, delivered in October 1962. The first of 102 B-52H's was delivered to Strategic Air Command in May 1961. The H model can carry up to 20 air launched cruise missiles. In addition, it can carry the conventional cruise missile that was launched in several contingencies during the 1990s, starting with Operation Desert Storm and culminating with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The aircraft's flexibility was evident in Operation Desert Storm and again during Operation Allied Force. B-52s struck wide-area troop concentrations, fixed installations and bunkers, and decimated the morale of Iraq's Republican Guard. On Sept. 2 to 3, 1996, two B-52Hs struck Baghdad power stations and communications facilities with 13 AGM-86C conventional air launched cruise missiles, or CALCMs, the longest distance flown for a combat mission involving a 34-hour, 16,000 statute mile round trip from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

In 2001, the B-52 contributed to the success in Operation Enduring Freedom, providing the ability to loiter high above the battlefield and provide close air support through the use of precision guided munitions.

The B-52 also played a role in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On March 21, 2003, B-52Hs launched approximately 100 CALCMs during a night mission.

Only the H model is still in the Air Force inventory and is assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot AFB, North Dakota, and the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, which fall under Air Force Global Strike Command. The aircraft is also assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command's 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB.

General characteristics

Primary function: heavy bomber

Contractor: Boeing Military Airplane Co.

Power plant: eight Pratt & Whitney engines TF33-P-3/103 turbofan

Thrust: each engine up to 17,000 pounds Wingspan: 185 feet (56.4 meters)

Length: 159 feet, 4 inches (48.5 meters)

Height: 40 feet, 8 inches (12.4 meters)

Weight: Approximately 185,000 pounds (83,250 kilo-

Maximum takeoff weight: 488,000 pounds (219,600 kilograms)

Fuel capacity: 312,197 pounds (141,610 kilograms)

Payload: 70,000 pounds (31,500 kilograms)

Speed: 650 miles per hour (Mach 0.84)

Range: 8,800 miles (7,652 nautical miles)

Ceiling: 50,000 feet (15,151.5 meters)

Armament: approximately 70,000 pounds (31,500 kilo-

grams) mixed ordnance: bombs, mines and missiles. (Modified to carry air-launched cruise missiles) Crew: five (aircraft commander, pilot, radar navigator,

navigator and electronic warfare officer) Unit cost: \$84 million (fiscal 2012 constant dollars)

Initial operating capability: April 1952

Inventory: active force, 58; ANG, 0; Reserve, 18



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger

A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress bomber, deployed from Barksdale Air Force Base. La., lands at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, July 4, 2020. The B-52 flew the 28-hour mission to demonstrate U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's commitment to the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific region.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Duncan C. Bevan

A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 96th Bomb Squadron flies in formation during Bomber Task Force Europe 20-1, Oct. 23, 2019, over the Baltic Sea, Strategic bombers contribute to stability in the European theater, as they are intended to deter conflict rather than instigate it, demonstrating the credibility of U.S. forces to address the current global security environment.

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Columbus AFB medical Airmen ensure readiness through TCCC



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson

14th Medical Group Airmen use a line formation to get into the simulated battlefield during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants course July 16, 2020, at the Kortiz Clinic on Columbus Air Force base, Miss. The 14th MDG held the Wing's first on-site TCCC All Combatants course training 10 medics from Columbus AFB.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jake Jacobs

14th Medical Group Airmen carry a 'wounded' actor in a simulated battlefield during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants course July 16, 2020, at the Kortiz Clinic on Columbus Air Force base, Miss. The TCCC training is a simulated immersion training on stabilizing trauma victims from common battlefield injuries such as hemorrhage, airway obstruction and shock.

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The 14th Medical Group held the Wing's first on-site Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants course July 16, 2020, at the Kortiz Clinic, training 10 medics from Columbus Air Force Base.

Known as the TCCC, the course provides medics with life-saving skills in addition to tactical field care, tactical evacuation care and essential need-to-know capabilities to save lives while undergoing hostile combat situations.

"This is a readiness focus training aimed at treating those preventable battlefield deaths when deployed," said Lt. Col. Christopher Kelly, 14th MDG chief nurse and National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) TCCC Instructor. "We are using a tiered approach to get all of the 14th Medical Group staff trained according to the TCCC guidelines.

With readiness being the number one priority of Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg's, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, and a priority across the DoD, Columbus AFB 14th MDG is making the individual to safety are all skills Patterson sure the Airmen are getting the proper tactical medical training. Training will take place on Columbus AFB on designated training days at the MDG and a refresher training will be held at a minimum of every 24 months with the focus of having the medics ready to deploy.

During the exercise, medics practiced treatment on augmented mannequins as well as volunteers with replicated battle wounds in order traumatic injuries on a live human.

"I feel like I gained knowledge on how to stay calm in a real world situation," said Senior Airman Robert Patterson, 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron mental health technician. "With all the screaming, gunshot noises and the stress of needing to get the wounded to safety, the training felt very real."

Patterson mentioned before the teams went out on the field for their simulated combat training they were in the classroom practicing skills including wound packing, tourniquet application, and learning how to treat the most life-threatening injury first before the wounded is moved to safety.

immediately, which wounds are more import- of death and keep these casualties alive long



said the medics have been prepared for. The TCCC also teaches first-responders treatment of the most preventable causes of death on the battlefield, such as controlling a hemorrhage, treating penetrating chest wounds, airway protection and tourniquet ap-

"It is not just in a deployed setting, this training is useful for everyday work situations to simulate the look, feel and smell of severe that may come up," Patterson said. "When things happen that you are not prepared for arise the demand for communication skills, situational awareness, and the abilities you have honed throughout your training really come into play."

> According to the NAEMT, almost 90% of American service members who die from combat wounds die before arriving at a medical treatment facility. While the number is staggering, it illustrates the vital importance of first responders (medics, nurses, and other medical practitioners) to be combat ready medics for

With the training of the TCCC, combat medics will have improved hands-on train-Assessing which injury needs to be treated ing to rapidly treat those preventable causes ant, and the continuation of care after moving enough to reach higher levels of care.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jake Jacobsen

LEFT: 14th Medical Group Airmen carry an augmented mannequin in a simulated battlefield during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants course July 16, 2020, at the Kortiz Clinic on Columbus Air Force base, Miss. During the exercise, medics practiced treatment on auamented mannequins as well as volunteers replicated battle wounds in order to simulate the look, feel and smell of severe traumatic injuries



ABOVE: 14th Medical Group Airmen practice treatment on an augmented mannequin during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants course July 16, 2020, at the Kortiz Clinic on Columbus Air Force base, Miss. The TCCC teaches first-responders treatment of the most preventable causes of death on the battlefield, such as controlling a hemorrhage, treating penetrating chest wounds, airway protection and tourniauet application.

LEFT: A 14th Medical Group Airman treats a 'wounded' actor in a simulated battlefield during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants course July 16, 2020, at the Kortiz Clinic on Columbus Air Force base, Miss. The event challenged medics to perform battlefield care in a simulated combat environment to help bolster their medical skills by performing on actors and dummies.